First Antifa Terrorism Convictions in U.S. History

Five far-left extremists in Texas have admitted in federal court to being Antifa members in a North Texas Antifa cell that carried out an ambush terror attack on an ICE facility

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For the first time in U.S. history, arrested violent far-left defendants have *admitted* in federal court to being *members* of an organized Antifa terror cell. Seth Sikes, Joy Abigail Gibson, Lynette Read Sharp, Nathan Baumann, and John Phillip Thomas — pleaded guilty to providing material support to terrorists and being part of an Antifa cell in a July 4 ambush attack on the Prairieland ICE facility in Alvarado, Texas.

According to court documents, the defendants confessed that their "Antifa cell" planned the assault as a "**direct action**" intended to influence government policy through intimidation and violence.

The plea deals mark a legal and political milestone. **Please read my latest report in The Post Millennial about the case**.

I have reported extensively about the case on Ngo Comment. The five who pleaded guilty are scheduled to be sentenced in March 2026.

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were to be used to prepare for or carry out a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1361, or to carry out the concealment of an escape from the commission of 18 U.S.C. § 1361.

STIPULATED FACTS:

Beginning on or about July 3, 2025, and continuing until on or about July 4, 2025,

Sikes conspired with others to provide personnel, including himself, knowing and intending that it be used to carry out acts of terrorism, that is, violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1361, depredation against property of the United States, including the Prairieland Detention Center (Prairieland), which the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) was using to house illegal aliens awaiting deportation. The terrorism was calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct.

Sikes and his coconspirators adhered to an Antifa, anarchist ideology and organized cells or "affinity groups" around their beliefs. On or about July 3, Sikes and his coconspirators began planning a "direct action" at Prairieland, for the night of July 4, in order to influence and affect the conduct of the government by intimidation and coercion, and to retaliate against government conduct.

The coconspirators agreed to dress in "black bloc" in order to conceal their identities from law enforcement and provide cover for each other to commit crimes without being identified. That is, Sikes knew that he and his coconspirators dressing similarly and anonymously made it more difficult for police to identify those who were engaging in illegal conduct, including concealing the escape of those who committed destruction of government property in violation 18 U.S.C. § 1361. Sikes knew and intended to provide himself for that purpose.

Don't expect those who deny the existence of Antifa to report on the admissions.
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Sikes therefore agreed with his coconspirators to provide himself as support to the carrying out of 18 U.S.C. § 1361, and concealing the escape of such violations, knowing and intending that his person would be used for those purposes.

SIGNED this 27 day of OCTOBER, 2025.

SETH ~~SIKES~~
Defendant

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Seth Sikes and the others who pleaded guilty admitted to a similar set of facts about their Antifa cell being organized

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STIPULATED FACTS:

On or about July 4, 2025, Coconspirator-1 engaged in an act of terrorism targeting the Prairieland Detention Center (Prairieland) in Alvarado, Texas, namely, attempted murder of two officers of the United States Government and one police officer assisting such officers, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1114. Coconspirator-1, along with Lynette Read Sharp and other coconspirators, adhered to an anti-fascist, anti-I.C.E, anti-government ideology, which the government classifies as Antifa. Coconspirator-1 attempted to commit the murder at Prairieland on July 4 with the intent to influence the conduct of the government by intimidation and coercion and to retaliate against the government for its immigration policies.

On or about July 5, 2025, Sharp learned that Coconspirator-1 had engaged in the

act of terrorism described above, had escaped immediate arrest, and was hiding in the woods near Prairieland. Knowing this, Sharp conspired with others to provide property, lodging, communications equipment, personnel, and transportation, knowing and intending that such support was to be used to conceal Coconspirator-1's escape from the act of terrorism.

For example, on or about July 5, 2025, Sharp communicated with Coconspirator-1 using an encrypted messaging application and arranged with other coconspirators to pick Coconspirator-1 up near Prairieland and drive Coconspirator-1 to an apartment in the Northern District of Texas. Then on July 6, Sharp provided Coconspirator-1 with clothing, a whig, a face covering, and other items so Coconspirator-1 could disguise his appearance from law enforcement. Later, Sharp arranged for Coconspirator-1 to be brought to a public parking lot to hand him off to another coconspirator, who drove Coconspirator-1 to a different apartment. Sharp knew and intended that these transfers and the items she provided to Conconspirator-1 were to be used to conceal and facilitate Coconspirator-1's escape from capture for his act of terrorism, namely, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1114.

SIGNED this 10th day of November, 2025.

Lynette Sharp
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Defendant Lynette Sharp admitted to helping her comrade evade arrest after finding out about the terror attack